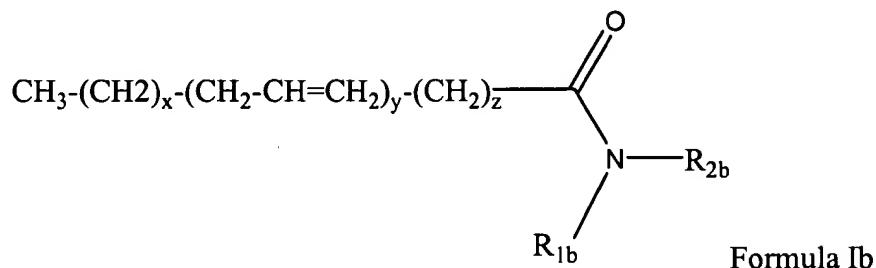


Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraphs after the last paragraph on page 15 and before the first paragraph on page 16:

Compounds for use according to the invention, include but are not limited to, compounds of Formula Ib:



wherein R_{1b} and R_{2b} are each H or (CH₂)_p-(R_{4b} CH)_q-(CH₂)_r-R_{3b}, wherein p, q and r are each an integer of from 0 to 10, preferably 1 to 4; and R_{3b} is OH, SH, CH₃, CH=CH₂, C≡CH, C≡N, F, Cl, Br or I, preferably OH, SH or F, more preferably OH; R_{4b} is H or (CH₂)_sCH₃, wherein s is an integer from 0 to 10, preferably 0 to 4; provided that p+q+r+s is less than or equal to 10, preferably less than or equal to 4, preferably one of R_{1a} and R_{2b} is H and the other of R_{1a} and R_{2b} is (CH₂)_p(R_{4b} CH)_q(CH₂)_rR_{3b};

x is an integer of from 0 to 18, preferably 2 to 5;

y is an integer of from 0 to 8, preferably 2 to 4; and

z is an integer of from 0 to 18, preferably 2 to 5.

Non-limiting examples of the compounds represented by Formula (Ib) which can be employed in the present invention include the following:

arachidonylethanamide

arachidonylethanethiolamide

arachidonylfluoroethylamide

7,10,13,16-docosatetraenylethanamide

arachidonylpropanolamide
8, 11, 14-eicosatrienylethanolamide
Palmitidylethanolamide,
4,7,10,13,16,19-Docosahexaenylethanolamide
Arachidylfluoroethylamide
Arachidonylamine
Arachidonyl-1-methyl-ethanolamide
Arachidonyl-2-methyl-ethanolamide,
Gamma-linolenylethanolamide,
Linoleylethanolamide